

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, April 11, 2007, with the following members in attendance:

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| Robert F. Garey, Chairman | Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture |
| W. Allen Jones, Treasurer | Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC) |
| G. Ray Staats | Ann Visalli (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer) |
| L. Allen Messick, Jr. | Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. |

Absent: William Vanderwende, and Lyn Davenport.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Scott Blaier, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, and Cathy Mesick.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 943 farms in preservation districts totaling 145,132 acres, with a total of 462 farms under agricultural easements totaling 82,175 acres at a cost of \$119,344,261. For PDR 12 there are a total of 116 farms comprising 15,925 acres with a value of \$247,272,924 to be considered for purchase of development rights; and a total of 35 farms for PDR 13 comprising 2,350 acres, with an estimated value of \$38,814,052.

II. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Cabin Ridge Farm Expansion of the Albert D. Warren District, ID#K-07-02-008D. After discussion, **Allen Messick moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Cabin Ridge Farm Expansion of the Albert D. Warren District, seconded by Allen Jones. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Dickerson Expansion #2 of the O'Neal Preservation District, ID#S-07-02-069B. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Dickerson Expansion of the O'Neal Preservation District, seconded by Allen Jones. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Public Comments – Mr. Phil Tuthill asked about the two expansions that were originally on the agenda. Milton Melendez explained that we did not, as of today's date, receive the signed district agreements from the landowners. Unless we receive the signed district agreements we cannot proceed with an expansion eligibility and final approval.

IV. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the March 14, 2007 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Allen Messick moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Financial Highlights:

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of March 31, 2007, \$28,102.07 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$350,010.50. We received \$550.46 revenue for the month of March made up of rollback taxes from Sussex County. Expenditures for the month of March totaled \$10,487.13. After discussion, **Ray Staats moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Executive Session

Chairman Garey asked if an executive session would be necessary. Michael Parkowski and Secretary Scuse indicated that such a session was necessary. **Michael Scuse moved to hold an executive session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.** The executive session started at 8:55 a.m.

At 9:35 the executive session ended and the regular Foundation meeting continued. The executive session ended by a **motion by Michael Scuse and seconded by Allen Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.**

VIII. Other Business:

Michael Parkowski stated that he is in the process of finalizing offers for Purchase of Development Rights 12; that the appraisals for PDR 12 reflect the hot real estate market, and that the new tax law is stimulating interest among the landowners who are in PDR 12. Mr. Parkowski said that he would ask our appraisers in the upcoming PDR 13 about special rates for redone appraisals. He is also most interested in having the surveys done in a timely manner for PDR 12 as we want to complete settlements by the end of 2007.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on May 9, 2007 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Allen Jones
Treasurer